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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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### **SUBMISSION OF OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the attached document.

Attached is an Office Action issued by the Japan Patent Office on December 19, 2006 in a related application. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the Office Action as it relates to the above-identified application.

Applicant has highlighted the document cited in the Office Action for the Examiner's attention. Because the cited document was previously filed in the instant application in an Information Disclosure Statement on September 26, 2006, Applicant does not provide another copy at this time.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed document is material or constitute “prior art.” If it should be determined that the listed document does not constitute “prior art” under United


States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

**EXCEPT** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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